

Northern Kentucky University

1. Are more Kentuckians ready for postsecondary education?

- Encourage and assist schools in the region to improve the college enrollments among underrepresented populations through programs such as Upward Bound and Educational Talent Search Trio Program.
- Help students attain academic success through such programs as Running Start, Learning Communities, and Supplemental Instruction.
- Expand the P-16 partnerships with the Council of Partners in Education to ease the school-to-college transition.
- Continue to conduct town meetings in alternate years throughout the region.
- Use the Center for Integrative Natural Sciences and Mathematics to connect faculty and students with school teachers and their students to improve instruction, learning, and college-going rates.

2. Are more students enrolling?

- Expand NKU's enrollment beyond the CPE targets.
- Strengthen adult education by expanding access to programs of lifelong learning through the NKU Office of Adult Learners.
- Expand the offerings at the distributed learning sites, such as the NKU Grant County Center.
- Increase the number of evening, weekend, and concentrated-schedule courses.
- Develop baccalaureate and graduate capacities; work in cooperation with the KCTCS to provide services across the entire spectrum of postsecondary education.
- Offer underserved populations access to postsecondary education through financial incentives and academic support, with programs such as the KY Transitional Assistance Program and the Urban Learning Center.
- Increase the enrollment in the KYVU.

3. Are more students advancing through the system?

- Improve the quality and expand the range and scope of advising, academic support services, first year programs, and student activities through the "Invest in Success" initiative.
- Enable first-time freshman who have skill deficiencies to obtain academic success and consequently improve retention through programs such as "RunningStart."
- Support, encourage, and assist students in all activities, services, and programs that impact their learning experience.
- Evaluate, rigorously, the curriculum to ensure students' smooth and efficient progress through degree programs; define what knowledge should be achieved upon completion.

- Evaluate regularly the academic assistance and support for enhancing performance and increasing retention.
- Broaden and enhance existing collaborations with other postsecondary education institutions, such as the collaboration with Thomas More and the KCTCS at the Urban Learning Center.
- Ease transfer through the Kentucky transfer module and the articulation agreement with KCTCS.

4. Are we preparing Kentuckians for life and work?

- Provide high-quality, high-value, and conveniently accessible degree programs.
- Establish programs that meet identified regional needs, as has been done through NKU's masters of computer science, masters in information systems, and masters of arts in teaching.
- Attract and retain exceedingly proficient and capable faculty by offering competitive compensation and an appealing work environment; help them continually improve through emphasis on our newly developed faculty resource center.
- Develop a more diverse student body and an environment that embraces multicultural learning.
- Emphasize citizenship and global understanding as part of the educational experience by providing opportunities for student community service, linking learning to practical experience, internationalizing the curriculum, and diversifying the student body.
- Directly or technologically, provide the region with the finest people and programs from various areas, disciplines, and parts of the world to meet immediate educational needs.
- Make greater multicultural understanding an educational and civic priority in the region.
- Involve faculty and students in learning, research, and service that apply academic strengths to public issues while improving academic quality.
- Survey students and alumni concerning student expectations, experiences, and learning.

5. Are Kentucky's communities and economies benefiting?

- Explore new arrangements between the corporate world and postsecondary education, and new ways to serve the region's network of urban centers.
- Address key issues that shape the region's future: strengthening P-16 education, encouraging lifelong learning, protecting the environment, contributing to economic development, promoting active citizenship, and engaging in university-community partnerships that respond to important local concerns.
- Work with community leaders to develop and implement a northern Kentucky regional plan for the new economy.
- Assist in developing and sustaining a qualified, adaptable workforce essential to the economy of northern Kentucky by providing flexible education and training programs.
- Expand community-university partnerships through the Center for Civic Engagement.
- Seek to significantly increase endowments.
- Encourage and support enhanced research and outreach.
- Secure additional federal research funding.